GOSSIP OF THE TURF.

Old Barnes, who in the red and blue of the Dwyers, raced brilliantly in 1881 and 1882, died at Kyle, Tex., a few days ago. He was almost a great racehorse in his day and threatened to divide 2 and 3-year-old form with Miss Woodford and George Kinney. Barnes was sixteen years old, by Billet—Mercedes, the dam of The Butterflies, and had for years been used as a sire by O. G. Parke. Bowen & Co. raced the colt in his early form and bred him.

The Fosters are giving Dr. Rice a careful preparation for the Brooklyn Handicap. He has been taken up and is doing mild work on the roads about St. Louis.

Byron McClelland announces that he will race altogether in the West this year. His 2-year-olds are not much and the stable must win most of its 1896 spoils through Caesarian, Prince Leif, Nimrod and Moylan. The former was nearly first-class last season, improving with time. Nimrod is Huntress' brother. He showed some quality at times. Moylan's class was lower and his best form that of the spring.

Eugene Leigh will sell thirty-nine yearlings, the product of LaBelle, at Morris Park, May 26. A lot of them are by Bramble, seventeen per cent of whose children are winners. Mr. Leigh is now the sole owner of the portable horse stall, having bought out his former partner, J. Meres. The appliance is an ingenious one. By the use of a few fixtures an ordinary car is changed into comfortable traveling quarters for a race horse. The economy of the plan is wonderful.

In addition to the poolrooms established at Elmwood Park, a Cincinnati suburb, Chas. Bollinger has opened one at West Covington, Ky. The Louisville poolrooms are still open too. The St. Asaph people are credited with an effort to open a race track at historic Harper's Ferry in West Virginia, where the law is favorable.

President Beauchamp, of the Middle States Racing Circuit, was in town yesterday conferring with Secretary Creveling of the Indiana tracks about his racing plans for 1897.

Referring to the summer harness meeting and horse show at Washington Park, that high-class sportsman, Frank S. Gorton, says: "The North Western Breeders will endeavor to give the most attractive out-of-door show possible in connection with their trotting, many of its exhibitions will be such that cannot be given at an in-door show. For instance, we shall have a lot of of pony races for one-quarter mile, tandem teams at a mile. carriage teams at a mile and a lot of special displays at short distances. The Polo company will make some nice exhibits. They will do their best to give the public a high-class entertainment of the best order.

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